

Page 2, line 17, after "investigated." insert

---Summary of Invention---

Page 3, delete all text following line 20.

Page 4, delete all text up to and including line 5 and insert the following

---Best and Various Modes for Carrying Out Invention---

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice to their reentry at some later date.

Please insert the following new claims.

19. A method for treating a patient for The Metabolic Syndrome and having at least one symptom selected from the group consisting of abdominal/visceral obesity, insulin resistance, lipoprotein aberrations and hypertension which comprises administering to said patient growth hormone in an amount effective for treating the Metabolic Syndrome.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein the grown hormone comprises human growth hormone or a functional analog thereof.

21. The method of claim 19 wherein the grown hormone comprises human growth hormone.

22. A method for preventing or treating for non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof growth hormone in an amount effective for preventing or treating non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein the ^{growth} grown hormone comprises human growth hormone or a functional analog thereof.

3 24. The method of claim 22 wherein the grown hormone comprises human growth hormone.

25. The method of claim 19 which comprises treating said patient for abdominal/visceral obesity.

26. The method of claim 22 which comprises treating said patient for abdominal/visceral obesity.

27. The method of claim 19 wherein said treating comprises increasing insulin sensitivity of said patient.

28. The method of claim 22 wherein said treating comprises increasing insulin sensitivity of said patient.

29. The method of claim 19 wherein said treating comprises decreasing insulin resistance of said patient.

30. The method of claim 22 wherein said treating comprises decreasing insulin resistance of said patient.

31. The method of claim 19 wherein said treating comprises decreasing total body fat mass.

32. The method of claim 22 wherein said treating comprises decreasing total body fat mass.

33. The method of claim 19 wherein said treating comprises decreasing total body fat in human with abdominal/visceral obesity.

34. The method of claim 22 wherein said treating comprises decreasing total body fat in human with abdominal/visceral obesity.

35. The method of claim 19 which comprises treating visceral adipose tissue area of said patient.

36. The method of claim 22 which comprises treating visceral adipose tissue area of said patient.

37. The method of claim 19 which comprises decreasing the serum concentration of triglyceride of said patient.

38. The method of claim 22 which comprises decreasing the serum concentration of triglyceride of said patient.

39. The method of claim 19 which comprises decreasing said patient's diastolic blood pressure.

40. The method of claim 22 which comprises decreasing said patient's diastolic blood pressure.

Remarks

Claims 19-40 are now in the application. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled and replaced with claims 19-40. In particular, claims 19-40 have been presented for purposes of clarity by presenting them in proper method claim format. In addition, the claims no longer recite "preferably".

Claims 19-24 and 27-30 are directed to the elected invention. Claims 25-26 and 31-40 are directed to non-elected invention and may be cancelled by the Examiner upon the allowance of the claims directed to the elected invention. Claim 19 also now explicitly recites symptoms of The Metabolic Syndrome for purposes of clarity.